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Hello, stranger; seems like a mighty long time. About seven, months, in fact. A lot of you probably thought we were dead. Not quite. The fact is, we've had the money to keep publishing, but it was actually other factors, more than the money, that kept us silent for so long. For too long. It's good to be back!

The main problem has been with a lack of good material. We have simply not been getting it like we used to. True, things have been pretty quiet of late. People have been busy digesting the mountain of HSCA and other related material. There hasn't been a whole lot happening news-wise, either. It's probably the calm before the storm; at least we hope so. The so-called Justice Department has been conspicuously silent about whether they intend to act on the HSCA's recommendations that they continue vigorously with the investigation. We can only assume that they have no intention whatsoever of acting until after the elections in November, and no matter who you're not going to vote for, that could spell the end, unless Justice is prodded by the Executive Branch..... And who can you imagine doing that? Reagan? Mister Jimmy? What we're really saying is that the Justice Department is unlikely to take action unless a lot of pressure is put upon them, and that pressure isn't apt to come from our "leaders" in the White House. It is going to be up to us to take the initiative. THE GRASSY KNOLL GAZETTE welcomes your suggestions as to how we most effectively might accomplish this, and we'll open our pages to those suggestions as long as they're good ones. We want to hear from you about this. Time is really growing short. Most of us have been far too passive. It's time now to put our heads together and DO SOMETHING.

To those of you who gave us financial and moral support when it looked like we wouldn't be able to go on, we offer our sincerest thanks. We don't have the time or space to thank you individually, but you know who you are. Thanks very much. But we are still not reaching enough people. Maybe it's our fault. It's somewhat of an embarrassment to admit that we still have far less than 100 paid subscribers; that's pretty pitiful, isn't it? You bet. We need to extend our readership if anything really is going to be accomplished. So, we're prepared to make this SPECIAL OFFER: from now until our next issue (scheduled for around early September), we will send FREE a copy of the GALLERY Magazine Special Report, including the record, to everyone who renews their subscription now or sends in a gift subscription. This offer is good as long as supplies last. Be sure and ask for the Report, though, so we will know you're responding to our special offer!

LETTERS....

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GRASSY KNOLL GAZETTE:

Chris Stanley's interview of G. Robert Blakey, published in the farewell issue of Clandestine America, reveals all too clearly why the Cornell Law Professor was tapped to succeed R.A. Sprague as Chief Counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

> "...I had no particular desire for it to come out one way or the other..."

One Way for Truth equals the Other Way for Coverup or, the Other Way for Truth equals One Way for Coverup... who gives a damn?

> "...I have no doubt that Lee Harvey Oswald killed the President: Oswald did it..."

This is umbilical to that intellectual exercise conjured up by Arlen Specter to convert the observed, neat, round hole of entry in the President's throat into a jagged wound of exit underneath the shirt-collar. To further Specter's fabrication, Blakey produced a fake "umbrella man", whose testimony before the Committee temporarily TV-killed the CIA's esoteric umbrella-weapon responsible for that entrance wound above the necktie knot, and below the adam's apple. Eighteen months prior to that televised perjury, Blakey's staff had been informed that the real Umbrella Man was alive and well and living in the U S A.

> "...it is my judgement... the Mob did it..."

Had Blakey bothered to check with the real Umbrella Man, a friend of Carlos Marcello, he would have been told, as this writer was, that in no way did the Mob have the capability to mount an ambush in Dealey Plaza.

Furthermore, there is no way the Mob had the capability to place both the President and Vice-President in the same motorcade, which had the news camera cars one hundred yards behind, instead of immediately ahead of, the Presidential limousine... nor did the Mob have the capability to arrange for half the President's cabinet to be airborne on a westerly course over the Pacific as the President rode to his death in Dallas.... Nor did the Mob have the capability of removing the code books from that plane, thereby forcing the Secretary of State to break silence in order to reach the White House Situation Room. Finally, if the Mob did it, then the Mob had the capability to reverse U.S. Foreign Policy too: within 48 hours of the President's assassination, ordered withdrawal changed to immediate insertion into war in Vietnam. The good news is that tenure is reputed to be sufficiently attractive to counter the possibility of Blakey's accepting an appointment to the bench. But don't bet the ranch: PWM, the Professional War Machine, enjoys an enviable track record of promoting those who parrot in print: "Oswald did it."

This incredible finding is the basis of Blakey's Final Report for the HSCA; it was designed as the keystone in the arch of Coverup over the truth, buried sixty more years.....

Open Letter to Bob Katz, Carl Oglesby and Jeff Goldberg of the Assassination Information Bureau

Dear Bob, Carl and Jeff:

I have just finished reading the final issue of Clandestine America. To say that I'm disappointed in it, and in you, is a mild understatement. How could you possibly go out on a note like that after your admirable beginnings? Perhaps you will make a comeback some day and revive your image. I guess I can partially understand your dilemma, brought about by financial and other pressures.

During the Select Committee's public hearings, Jeff, you know I was not too pleased with some of the comments coming from AIB. However, that was perhaps a forgivable time, because some degree of cooperation with Dr. Blakey was necessary in order to continue gaining access to the committee and the staff. Those of us who took strong issue with everthing Blakey was doing, and argued with him and his staff privately or publicly were indeed completely frozen out.

I took great pride in working so closely with Henry Gonzalez and then Richard A. Sprague, Bob Tanenbaum, Bob Lehner, Cliff Fenton, Ken Klein, Pat Orr, Jackie Hess and all the other staff people in the pre Blakey era. I felt as though I were one of the staff and I believe Richard A. Sprague and Bob Tanenbaum wanted it that way. But when Sprague, Tanenbaum, Lehner and the others were forced out, and Dr. Blakey introduced that insidious secrecy agreement along with a paying type contract, I knew the handwriting was on the wall.

The report and the hearings and the entire charade from July 1977 forward were so well orchestrated by Blakey and others that it became what I have come to regard as the Final Cover Up. I can now understand how Blakey did it. I can believe now that he is, and always was an essential part of the Power Control Group. For me the ultimate clincher on that score was the way he handled the umbrella man and his totally orchestrated response to the Gallery article on the CIA weapons system that we contended was used in Dealey Plaza. That charade

with the photos followed by the "discovery" of the fake umbrella man, Mr. Witt, followed by Witt's false testimony using the wrong umbrella at the hearings, followed by the public's and the committee's laughter and unquestioning acceptance of the guy's story, shows how many resources the Power Control Group has at their disposal when the CIA's chips are down.

I can only remain proud that we gave them so much trouble. Jack White can be proud too, that they were forced to devote so much time and energy in the hearings and the report responding to Jack's analysis of the photographic evidence and producing such believable, or obfuscating bullshit that the public and the Congress bought it.

The most remarkable thing about Blakey, whose name ought to have been Thurston, is the magical way he wove psuedo science into the hearings, making people believe what they thought they saw in front of their very own eyes. His proof that the single bullet theory was O.K. is one example of a masterpiece. His obfuscation or total smothering of the photographic evidence proving that no shots were fired from the sixth floor window was another masterpiece.

His supreme accomplishment was to make people, including several top notch scientists, believe there was a motorcycle cop on Elm Street where there was none. The latter of course, was essential if there were to be acceptance of the shot from the grassy knoll, "proved" by the acoustical evidence from that phantom cop's motorcycle microphone.

The Justice Department will not dare to check that one out, because someone from the staff knows full well the acoustical evidence will fall apart. What would result would be a refiring from new points in Dealey Plaza and the amazing discovery that the acoustical evidence shows no shots coming from the sixth floor window.

What bothers me most about all three of you, but especially you, Bob, is that you are knowledgable enough to know that no one fired from that window. You have all seen the Hughes film, the Dillard and Powell photos from the outside. You have all seen the Beers photos and the others from the inside. You know there was no one in that window when the shots were fired. You therefore also know that Blakey somehow faked his way through the evidence. Therefore you must know he's on the other side. He's too smart to not know the truth. Michael Goldsmith, the photographic man on the staff, may be too dumb to have figured it out, but not Blakey.

How could you therefore, not take issue with him and the whole

charade? How could you print that long thing of his in your last issue and let it stand unanswered. Richard A. Sprague should have been given a chance to reply to Blakey's comments in your last issue. So should Henry Gonzalez. So should those of us who know Blakey for what he really is, and are willing to say so in public. I thought at one time that you, Bob, and you, Carl, would have been willing to publicly attack a guy like Blakey. I'm very disappointed in both of you in that regard. I feel you have now contributed in your own way to that Final Cover Up. I'm afraid that the last chapter has indeed been written.

The Power Control Group have demonstrated how well under control everything is. They have the White House under full control. They have the media. They have the Justice Department. They have the CIA, the FBI, the military and the courts under control. More importantly they have us, and our only representatives the House, under control.

Had Henry Gonzalez stayed in charge, or had Richard A. Sprague been able to survive, things would have turned out differently. But, the Select Committee was taken from us, just like America has been, and that, to many of us, was the last resort. Only one other possibility yet remains. That is to elect Ted president and hope that he survives long enough to expose the rotten eggs and to boot them out of control. The probability of that possibility may be very low but it's all we have left.

I wish that in your final issue, or in any issue, you had raised some of the key questions about Dr. Blakey and the work of the committee. Here are some examples:

. What did Cliff Fenton and his investigative team uncover in New Orleans and elsewhere, following up on Jim Garrison's evidence? Will we ever see Cliff's report? What about all those sessions with Garrison and the people he led Sprague, Tanenbaum, Fenton, Klein and Co. to find and interview? Page 6 of your last issue has Blakey making some of the most assinine comments ever, about Jim Garrison, in view of the six months or so Cliff Fenton's team spent with Jim and others in New Orleans. Jim should have been given a chance to respond to Blakey. He always told me, even after Blakey took over, that he didn't see how the committee could "go into the tank" with what they uncovered in New Orleans. Fenton is today very frightened and very silent. So are the other team members. The secrecy agreement is enough to score anyone, even if one does not fear the PCG's hit team.

. What happened to all of those investigations that Richard A. Sprague initiated into the CIA and FBI roles in the assassination? Examples include: the Hosty information passed on to Carver Gaten: The CIA surveillance in Mexico City and the identity of the man in the Odum exhibit: The FBI and CIA suppression of various photographs: Richard A. Sprague and Bob Tanenbaum should have been asked to comment about these items.

. The secrecy agreement. You should have made it public and should have called Blakey and the committee to task over it. It is illegal in the opinion of Mr. R. A. Sprague and it gives the CIA control over the committee and the staff. Worse, it silences forever (it has no expiration date) any would be internal truth tellers, like Fenton or Klein. It is really a horrible thing for our elected representatives to have promulgated. The thing is, no one knows about it.

. Hearings witnesses.

Dr. Blakey should have been taken to task for calling the PCG witnesses that he did, and not calling really knowledgable witnesses on the various aspects of the events in Dealey Plaza. In my own case, I could have ripped to shreds most of the testimony presented on the photographic evidence. Bob Groden did his best when given a chance, but he was outnumbered, outwitted, and outmaneuvered by Blakey, the rest of the so called photographic panel, and by the government-PCG witnesses.

One small example here is the locating of Governor Connally in the jump seat far to the right of where he was actually sitting. They did this little bit of transfer magic by using one photo, the Hugh Betzner black and white. By claiming that the windscreen of the motorcycle following the limousine was the right front wing window of the limo in the Betzner photo, they pulled it off. A dozen other photos clearly showing the relative positions of JFK and the governor were just ignored.

Blakey says on page 3 of your last issue that the critics were invited to a two day conference and had a chance to say anything they wanted to. Now, many of the important researchers were <u>not</u> invited to that conferece. Jim Garrison was not invited, for example. Fletcher Prouty was not and I was not, for other examples. Blakey says most of the critics have written most of what they have to say. That dodges the issue. While I was working with Pat Orr, we were locating photographic evidence, correlating it, interpreting it, and carrying on

an investigation. That went on for almost six months, even without money or subpoena power. Blakey says he couldn't permit the critics to conduct an investigation with the staff side by side, because none of us had top secret security clearance. That is a pure B.S. statement. First, some of us have had, and still have, top secret security clearances for many years. I received my clearance in 1946. Fletcher Prouty had a clearance. Victor Marchetti had one. Most of the researchers could have been cleared if necessary. You should have opened up that topic in your final issue. If this was a pure lone assassin or two lone assassins crime why in God's name would any staff member need a top secret security clearance? The truth of the matter is that if Blakey had allowed us to be on the inside, and had not insisted on those of us acting as consultants or conference participants signing that illegal secrecy agreement, he could never have pulled off the final cover up.

There are many other comments and questions you should have raised about Blakey's interview with DIR Broadcasting, that are too numerous to be included in this open letter. I hope you can rectify the situation if you ever open your doors again.

Your former admirer,

Dick (E) Sprague

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NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS UPDATE by Edgar F. Tatro

The House Select Committee on Assassinations' most convincing scientific evidence to substantiate the single-bullet theory was developed by means of neutron activation analysis, conducted by a leading authority in this field, Dr. Vincent P. Guinn, professor of chemistry at the University of California. Dr. Guinn's dramatic, expert testimony revealed that his new NAA tests did indicate that there was evidence of only two bullets in the assassination of President Kennedy, and that fragments from Governor Connally's wrist originated from CE 399, the "magic bullet". The jaws of many a Warren Commission critic must have nearly hit the floor. But this testimony, apparently compelling, tends to pale considerably upon closer inspection, as is so often the case....

Because of the complexity and relative scarcity of JFK assassination NAA data, a brief history would perhaps be in order. On November 23, 1963, the FBI conducted spectrographic tests on selected bullet fragments and specimens collected that same day, but the boys of Efrem Zimbalist Jr. fame would only state that the metallic remnants were "similar" in composition.... Such evasive wording led most critics to suspect that different bullets had been detected.

The Atomic Energy Commission became the next place of business. In May 1964, the AEC conducted NAA tests on these bullet fragments, with three specimens inexplicably excluded: one large fragment recovered from the limousine; windshield scrapings; and the Tague curb scar. For years, the fact that such tests had been conducted was a guarded secret. Still more years passed before the discovery of a suspicious little Hoover document indicating that "minor variations" did exist. Finally, through the diligent efforts of Harold Weisberg, the 57 pages of NAA handwritten notes were released, but the "grapevine" whispered that the results were "inconclusive".

Enter my friend and colleague, Emory Brown, who had the determination, foresight (foresight? - Ed.), intelligence and fortitude to muddle through the data and make sense of it all. Mr. Brown wrote a superb article about his findings in the November 1976 issue of The Continuing Inquiry. Ironically, he had contacted Dr. Guinn to obtain the necessary data for his research. Dr. Guinn sent Brown reports of his own research findings, which opened a massive can of worms. One of Dr. Guinn's reports, entitled "Forensic Neutron Activation Analysis of Bullet Lead Specimens", stated that antimony concentrations are very uniform in bullet lead specimens within individual bullets (?? - Ed.), within individual boxes of bullets, and within individual lots of bullets; that antimony was the chief focus of his work; and that bullet lead specimens with antimony standard deviations greater than 3% clearly indicate that those bullets or fragments in question originated from different lots.

For years critics have reasonably questioned where Oswald could have obtained only four bullets. What if the NAA results indicated that the fragments came from at least different lots, and perhaps completely different types of commercial ammunition altogether? Well, my friend Emory Brown toiled over the data, and the NAA results seemed to confirm his suspicions: CE 399 and the alleged Connally wrist fragments did not

exactly equate, but were within the allowed 3% differential for antimony. Brown deduced that CE 399 and the wrist fragments may have originated from similar type bullets, but not the same bullet. A similar 3% equating was determined to exist between one large limousine fragment, the three small limousine fragments, and two fragments removed from the President's head. However, the two groups did not match each other; in one instance the distinction in antimony concentration differed as much as 17%! Thus, a second gunman seemed a certainty.

Of course, most of Brown's theorizing was based on the assumption that Dr. Guinn's research paper was accurate and all-inclusive; that is, all bullet lead specimens, including Carcano bullets, had been considered.

In 1978 I received a Guinn research document from Dr. John Nichols, forensic pathologist from the University of Kansas Medical Center, which emphatically stated that Mannlicher-Carcano bullets had tremendous heterogenous concentrations of antimony. (This document can be found in HSCA Volume 1, Appendix C, page 543.) Such is the irony of life that the exception to the rule would be these bullets! Although I have reasons to question the veracity of Dr. Guinn (which are? Ed.), who conducted this work with materials provided by Dr. Nichols, I have no reason to doubt the integrity of Dr. Nichols, who deserves only praise (What? No raise? - Ed.) for his contributions to unravelling this fiasco. At any rate, if Mannlicher-Carcano bullets do not possess homogenous strains of antimony, Guinn's 1970 research is grossly invalid and, unfortunately, so is much of Emory Brown's dedicated effort as a result of Dr. Guinn's mistake. One can only wonder if Guinn made any other errors as a consultant for the HSCA.

Dr. Guinn's NAA testimony confirmed the data Dr. Nichols had sent to me months before, on the heterogenous nature of antimony in Carcano bullet lead specimens. Dr. Guinn then announced his findings to the panel. His new NAA statistics do correspond with the 1964 Atomic Energy Commission tests, but some serious problems have surfaced.

First, Dr. Guinn denied any previous connection with the Warren Commission. Perhaps, technically, this is true. However, Guinn did perform an NAA test on the paraffin casts of Oswald's cheeks to determine if any nitrates, not found by the routine paraffin test, could be detected. Guinn's ability to examine such crucial physical evidence in the "mystery of the century", though, was obviously not a low-level decision. Common sense dictates that, at the very least, high-level FBI administrators with close ties to Warren Commission personnel allowed this examination to take place. In August 1964, Guinn said, "I cannot say what we found out about Oswald because it is secret until the publication of the Warren Commission Report." Besides the fact that his findings were not published in the Warren Report, which is fishy itself, does the above quote (cited from the New York World-Telegram and Sun of August 28, 1964) sound like a man totally disassociated from the Warren Commission?

Secondly, Guinn explained that he was unable to perform any analysis on the same three specimens which had been excluded by the AEC in 1964. Guinn claimed that the case enclosing the windshield scrapings was simply devoid

of metal; that CE 569, a large limousine fragment, was merely a bullet's copper jacket; and, finally, that the scrapings from the Tague curb scar were worthless cement particles. He deduced that the FBI's spectrographic tests had consumed the valuable metal from the windshield and the curb. Why didn't the AEC cite these explanations in 1964 if such was the case?

In the January 1979 issue of JFK Assassination Forum, I questioned whether the absence of metal from the Tague curb was the truth, or a governmental convenience, since the lack of copper allowed only two possible explanations -- one, a head shot fragment which - improbably - flew 280 feet off course, or two, a non copper-jacketed bullet which missed its target completely. And that would spell conspiracy. The answer to the mystery is lost without neutron activation analysis, and the HSCA had no idea how James Tague came to be hit.

Another oddity, which Guinn admitted to reporters (regrettably, after his testimony), was why the 1978 test fragments do not match the 1964 test fragments in either weight, size, or number. Frankly, how the hell can that be? Of particular interest is the discrepancy in the number of fragments removed from Governor Connally's wrist. Several years ago, Dr. Nichols published three separate photos of CE 342, the wrist fragments, one taken in 1964, one in 1967, and one in 1968. The difference in fragments of the same exhibit is spelled out in sinister photographic black and white.

Finally, Guinn testified that the wrist fragments came from CE 399. He was told that the wrist fragments were the wrist fragments, but could he be the unwitting victim of a switch? In 1964, metal was removed from the nose and base of CE 399 for tests. In fact Dr. Nichols has published articles indicating that CE 399 was weighed prior to the removal of these pieces; that the weights of these amounts were not divulged; that a flake fell off CE 399 in January 1967; and that the National Archives had refused to weigh the flake or reweigh CE 399 for him. However, the key point is the fact that the metal recovered from CE 399's base has never been accounted for. Maybe the wrist fragments aren't the wrist fragments after all; maybe they're CE 399 fragments hidden away for sixteen years. Even the chain of transfer of CE 399 is totally unreliable; a few fragments would be simple enough to put aside. Frankly, at this point, anything is possible. (Sigh... - Ed.)

One last addendum was recently sent to me by Peter Erbe, who corresponded with Nurse Audrey Bell, who drew for him the approximate number and size of the fragments she claims were removed from Governor Connally's wrist. In her own words, Nurse Bell wrote, "...the fragments we removed in surgery were more than was needed to support the 'one-bullet' theory." If her perceptions are honest and accurate, my head swirls with the possible deceptions that have been perpetrated upon all of us all these years. No matter how dramatic, compelling, or convincing the "hard" scientific evidence appears to be, I have learned in life to assume nothing, except that the government cannot investigate the government.

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1-8-80

Criminal Court News

Judge Refuses Novel New Trial

By RUSSELL GOODMAN

As expected, Gordon Novel failed to win a new trial Monday, but it may have come as a surprise to some observers that he at least gained permission to leave the court's jurisdiction and step outside the boundaries of the state when necessary.

In a motion and two supplements filed recently, Novel alleged that a new trial would substantiate his claim that a plot had been rigged to put him in jail on a phony charge of conspiracy to commit aggravated arson.

Plot or not, the state's allegations eventually resulted in a conviction in late 1978 with Novel getting three years in prison. Novel is currently appealing the matter to the Louisiana Supreme Court and it was to that bench that Criminal Court Judge Frank A. Marullo Jr. told the defendant and his attorneys to take their complaints.

Marullo acknowledged that the whole process may be perfunctory, because apparently the only thing the justices can do is either kick the motion back to the trial judge or dismiss it altogether and go on with hearing the appeal.

Local attorney Jack Usprich, and Reid Kennedy of Atlanta, both representing Novel, were given 10 days in which to ask the top court for a remand. If that request is granted, Marullo presumably will hear Novel's allegations.

The thrust of those claims, as related in the motion, seems to be that federal agents altered secretly-recorded tapes to incriminate Novel in a plan to firebomb the former Federation of Churches building, 330 St. Charles Ave., on Mardi Gras 1976.

It didn't take Marullo long to dispose of the motion for a new trial, but considerable time was spent on the motion for permission to leave that state.

Novel, taking the stand, said his primary reason for the request is money. In the past, he said, most of his financing has come from New York's Wall Street. Secondly, he has business concerning his federal civil suit against District Attorney Harry Connick.

Novel promised to submit a detailed itinerary of his planned travels to the judge, who said that among other guidelines to be followed, Novel is not to be gone from the state for more than three days at a time. Additionally, he may only visit his former wife and their children, thought to be in Ohio, if he is accompanied by his attorney.

Concerning the request to leave the state, Assistant District Attorney Marvin Opotowsky asked Novel about a bond forfeiture in the early years of his 4-year-old case, but after the first of Novel's three trials. Novel ultimately admitted that permission to leave the state that time was never given nor requested in writing, but said it was his impression that an oral okay was understood between his then-attorneys and his then-judge, Matthew Braniff.

Opotowsky's query opened the way for a half-hour diatribe in which Novel claimed that the $40,000 forfeiture occurred when he was summoned to Washington, D.C., to testify before a congressional committee investigating the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King and President John F. Kennedy.

After the Washington trip, he said, he visited a friend at his home outside Atlanta, where Novel sustained severe chest pains and had to be hospitalized. His attorney, he said, notified the court and the district attorney's office of his medical problem and apparently thought everything was taken care of in New Orleans.

He claimed that he later learned the bond had been forfeited and a higher one, $250,000, was set on a new fugitive charge.

Eyes either rolled or became wider as the narrative continued in court Monday. Novel proceeded to claim that the district attorney's office sent bounty hunters after him. "I couldn't understand why you would want to hunt me down like a dog," Novel told the prosecutor.

The same friend Novel said he had been visiting in Georgia came to his rescue, according to the testimony Monday. The friend, said to be a retired general, organized former members of the CIA and most of the forces in a county sheriff's office to protect Novel, the defendant told the court.

The tale of intrigue presumably would have continued as both defense counsel and the prosecutor just let Novel talk and talk, but eventually Marullo interrupted the proceeding and announced that he was ready to rule.

The judge noted that Novel has apparently remained in Metairie since his sentencing in January of last year and has dutifully made several court appearances since then.

The state was given 24 hours to complain to the Supreme Court about the defendant's permission to leave the jurisdiction, and the prosecutor informed the judge his office would do just that.

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CLIENT: Mr. R. B. Cutler

SUBJECT: Recorded tapes of Louie S. Witt's testimony regarding his alleged activity at Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. This incident was in regards to the assassination of President Kennedy.

RECORDINGS:

Question 1 page 429	Do you swear to tell the truth, etc?
Answer	I do----------Some stress indicated
Question 2 page 429	Your full name.
Answer	Louie Steven Witt---------Hard stress on Louie indicated
Question 3 page 429	Were you in Dealey Plaza in Dallas on November 22, 1963?
Answer	Yes I was----------Stress indicated (hard stress on <u>was</u>)
Question 4 page 429	Did you witness the assassination of President Kennedy?
Answer	Yes----------indicates light stress

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Question 5 page 429 — Were you carrying anything?

Answer — Ugh--Yes, on this particular day I was carrying a black umbrella--------Hard stress on I was and umbrella

Question 6 page 432 — Were you waiting for the motorcade?

Answer — Yes---------Normal

Question 7 page 432 — You testified that you were opening the umbrella to use it as a symbol hoping to catch the President's eye.

Answer — Ugh--Yes sir---------Tendency to stress yes

Question 8 page 433 — Did you react in any way?

Answer — No, I continued to move forward and finally got the thing up in the air---------Heavy stress on no

Question 9 page 433 — What do you next recall happening, etc?

Answer — I did not see this------Heavy stress on I

Question 10 page 435 — Can you identify, for instance, the two pictures of the men in the two top photographs of that exhibit with the arrow pointing?

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Answer — Yes that seems to be me------Heavy stress in seems

Question 11 page 435 — In the bottom left corner there is an item in red. Can you identify that?

Answer — Ugh--that would be this,ugh, umbrella------Heavy stress on would

Question 12 page 435 — In the other exhibit, which is JFK 404, can you identify either of those men sitting there?

Answer — Yes, the one on the right is definitely me------- Heavy stress on yes the one on the right

Question 13 page 436 — When you left, did you go back to work?

Answer — Yes,Ugh--nothing indicating stress

Question 14 page 436 — Mr. Witt, some assassination critics have alleged your actions with your umbrella, etc.

Answer — No, no one-------Heavy stress indicated

Question 15 page 444 — How did you become revealed publicly as the person with the umbrella?

Answer — Ugh--As I understood it, one of my good friends, etc.----------Heavy stress on As I and one of my

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SUMMARY: It must be thoroughly understood that reasons for stress cannot be resolved. The tests ran were not put under a controlled situation, nor were the tests of a structured nature for a determination.

There are answers indicating stress that, as an examiner, have to be resolved and can only be done under a controlled environment.

Therefore, in the opinion of the examiner, stressful answers have to be resolved, and under this type of a situation, a definite answer cannot be set forth.

Charles M. Shepperd
Examiner

Dallas Morning News
1-22-80

● That old nagging question — did Jack Ruby know Lee Harvey Oswald? — has come back to haunt the Dallas FBI office. Apparently on orders from Washington, agents here have been pursuing the latest rumor of a supposed photograph showing Oswald and Ruby together. As the tip had it, the photo once hung on the office wall of the late Dallas wrestling promoter Ed McLemore and, after his death, was turned over to a female friend. While the federal agents searched, other law enforcement agencies merely shrugged the story off as another fantasy.

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(date unknown)

Former attorney general John Mitchell has begun a new career in a company called Global Research International Inc., which has subleased office space at 2550 M St. NW.

The firm, incorporated five months ago in Delaware, is chartered to assist and advise those seeking to do business with foreign governments or foreign commercial enterprises.

A former Marine Corps officer, James M. Tully, works out of the office with Mitchell.

Both decline to discuss their new venture. But a competitor said this week that the firm reportedly plans to open offices in New York and San Francisco soon under different corporate identities.

Former president Richard M. Nixon is expected to have "input" in the New York operation, according to the same source.

Paisley Death Study to Stay Secret

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The Senate Intelligence Committee has informed the widow of former high-level CIA official John A. Paisley that a lengthy investigation into his September 1978 death on the Chesapeake Bay has uncovered "no information which would detract from (his) record of outstanding performance in faithful service to his country."

The committee's full report—and its reportedly detailed examination of the critical question of whether Paisley was murdered or committed suicide—will remain secret, Committee Chairman Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) and Vice Chairman Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said in a letter.

The FBI concluded in a previously secret report last year that there was "no credible evidence" to show that Paisley's death was "other than a suicide."

However, to many persons familiar with the case, that secret report and the Senate panel's letter to Mrs. Paisley are merely chapters in a real-life mystery that may never be solved to everyone's satisfaction.

Paisley, who as deputy director of the CIA's office of strategic research analyzed some of the country's most sensitive nuclear strategic capability data, retired from his full-time job at the agency in 1974 but went to work for it immediately as a part-time consultant.

He was on his sailboat on Chesapeake Bay in late September 1978 and working on an agency report when he failed to return to port at day's end as promised. His boat was found aground the next day, and he was missing. A week later, a badly decomposed body later identified as his was found in the bay with a gunshot wound in the head.

Conspiracy buffs have had a field day with the circumstances of Paisley's death. They have theorized that Paisley was a spy or a counterspy, or even that he was the Russian intelligence "mole" who many believe had infiltrated high levels of the CIA. Depending on which theory people espoused and whether they accepted the official version that the badly decomposed body later found in the Bay was Paisley's, the ex-CIA official could have been murdered or kidnaped or merely disappeared.

The various official investigations, though, discount any of those theories and accept what those probers feel is the most plausible view: that the Russian-speaking Paisley, who had been estranged from his wife and was undergoing psychiatric treatment, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head and falling into the bay after weighing himself down with two diver belts weighing a total of 38 pounds.

But, said a CIA spokesman who was clearly exasperated with continued questions about Paisley's death, "Nobody knows how it happened. We don't know how John Paisley died."

The CIA vehemently denies that Paisley ever was involved in clandestine affairs and has said earlier that it had "no reason to believe that John Paisley was other than he seemed, a highly respected former CIA analyst and manager . . ."

A CIA spokesman acknowledged yesterday that the agency added to the mystery when it played down the importance of Paisley's analyst job there when he was first reported missing. "In hindsight, we wish we had given out more [details about Paisley's career] at first," said CIA spokesman Dale Peterson.

He said it is the nature of the agency to be "very reluctant" to give out information about current or former employes and at the time it saw no reason to change that policy.

One intelligence community member not with the CIA supported that theory by saying the media "shouldn't discount as crazy the fact the CIA might have misled the public early just out of habit . . ."

Last March the FBI prepared a 39-page secret report at the request of the Senate intelligence Committee to examine various publicized theories about Paisley's death.

The report, portions of which have been made public, conclusively finds that the body recovered was Paisley's. "While the delay in fingerprint identification is regrettable, no intentional, conspiratorial or otherwise questionable connotations are attached thereto," the report said.

Virtually none of the detailed answers to questions about Paisley's alleged counterintelligence involvement were made public in the report.

One section of the report did conclude that "there is no basis in fact to the allegations that, on the night of Paisley's disappearance, a Soviet vessel was proceeding up Chesapeake Bay or an unusual amount of communications traffic emanated from the Soviet summer residence on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay."

The report also discloses for the first time that the FBI investigated a claim by a terrorist group in anonymous telephone calls that Paisley had been kidnapped, but concluded the calls were part of a hoax.

As to whether Paisley committed suicide or was killed, the report concludes. "This issue cannot be resolved conclusively." Instead, "it is concluded that no credible evidence exists to suspect John Arthur Paisley's death was other than a suicide."

For that reason, the FBI told the Senate committee, there were "no specific and articulable facts" upon which to base a federal investigation.

The committee's letter to Mrs. Paisley said that it had not conducted either a homicide investigation or a full counterintelligence investigation. The letters said the investigation found "no information [that the death] was connected in any way to involvement in foreign intelligence or counterintelligence matters."

It said it investigated "several other collateral intelligence issues" during the probe, but none of them had any "bearing on Mr. Paisley, either on his death, his loyalty or his career."

Mrs. Paisley said yesterday she was "disappointed the Senate committee classified the information [since] I had counted heavily on the committee to look into it thoroughly. I just would like to know the answers."

Mrs. Paisley's attorney, Bernard Fensterwald Jr., said he does not see "why they're so hush-hush about it" if Paisley was not involved in secret activities.

Fensterwald, who is pressing Freedom of Information Act suits against the FBI and the CIA over the matter, said "one of the great disservices Congress did in passing the FOI act was to exempt themselves from it. I think Mrs. Paisley's entitled to know what happened to her husband."

The Maryland State Police, the only agency conducting a full homicide investigation of Paisley's death, said the official ruling so far is that the manner of death is "undetermined." A police official said the investigation was neither open nor closed, but was considered "suspended."

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BOOKS

THE COUNTERFORCE SYNDROME BY ROBERT C. ALDRIDGE; WASHINGTON, D.C.: INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES, 1978, 86 PAGES, $3.95.

Billed as "A Guide to U.S. Nuclear Weapons and Strategic Doctrine", this slim volume is a couple years old, but absolutely essential nonetheless. If this sort of stuff is merely a bore to you, you're missing the point, so just crawl back into your little cocoon. We're talking about the War Machine, a bunch of cynical, paranoid maniacs who act as if it's not enough to be able to blow up the world 4 times if the bad old Russians can do it 5. We're being deceived by the generals, admirals, politicians and defense contractors. It's destroying our economy and it may put us all out of our misery soon. The Institute for Policy Studies has literally dozens of vital books like this one; write for their list: 1901 Que St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Are you listening?

THE DAY OF THE UMBRELLA MAN BY R.B. CUTLER; BEVERLY FARMS, MASS.: THE AUTHOR, 1980, 50 PAGES; 1ST EDITION LIMITED TO 100 COPIES, $6.00.

Wherein Cutler further develops his OFL theory. He names his Umbrella Man, too, the same one he's mentioned in other magazines, on radio and TV, and also in the last issue of GKG. Are you paying attention, Gordon? It would seem so; Novel says he's going to sue Cutler for libel, but he's also apparently agreed to give the old PSE another try. So stay tuned. Someday maybe the world will recognize just how much Cutler has contributed to the eventual solution (we hope) of the JFK assassination.

CONSPIRACY BY ANTHONY SUMMERS; PUBLISHED IN THE U.S. BY McGRAW-HILL, 1980 ($17.95), AND IN THE U.K. BY FONTANA PAPERBACKS AND VICTOR GOLLANCZ LTD.

Summers first entered the JFK assassination picture in 1977, when he produced an excellent television documentary for the BBC. This fine book continues the work begun in that TV program. The author is especially strong in three areas: Oswald's ties to anti-Castro exiles, while he kept up a pro-Castro facade; organized crime links to members of Oswald's family; and Jack Ruby's own extensive ties to the Mob, most notably Marcello, Traf-ficante, and Hoffa. More disturbingly, he demonstrates previously unknown areas where the Ruby and Oswald links overlapped. This is also an uncom-fortable area, because Summers' own conclusions are often coincident with those of Blakey, who states flatly, "I think the Mob did it."

The author often seems rather arbitrary in his acceptance or rejection of facts and evidence. The theory of the "Soviet substitute" (of which even Hoover had warned), for instance, is not deemed worthy of discussion. Also troubling is his apparent belief that the murder of JFK was planned by a "renegade element" (sic) of the CIA or other intelligence agencies in the U.S. This is playing a meaningless, semantical game; after all, one could hardly expect the planners to write it into the budget for approval. "Renegade" is just chickenshit. This is a very fine book, though, and it belongs in your collection. A special bonus is a previously unpub-lished photo of Oswald or whomever in the casket. It's riveting; I can't explain it.....

GET EVEN: THE COMPLETE BOOK OF DIRTY TRICKS BY GEORGE HAYDUKE; BOULDER, CO.: PALADIN PRESS, 1979, 192 PAGES, $9.95. REVIEWED BY HARKER GOODY.

Hayduke, you son of a gun! This's a book about what James Brown would call "the big payback" -- getting back at your tormentors. Landlord, neighbors, power company, you name it. You'll remember some of these stunts from high school, but they're still recycled to good effect here. Some were new to me. Some are brilliant and some are frankly impractical, but they're almost always funny; the author's last name should be Harhar. The key is to use your imagination, and if you get nabbed, NEVER ADMIT ANYTHING! Remember that. Keep your lip zipped. Author Hayduke (not his real name) warns us, "Remember: For Entertainment Purposes Only!", and what could be more entertaining than actually doing some of this stuff? Huh? Do it!

THE CHOPPERS...AND THE CHOPPERS BY TOM ADAMS AND GARY MASSEY; PUBLISHED BY PROJECT STIGMA, P.O. BOX 1094, PARIS TX 75460. 28 PAGES.

The continuing saga of those baffling animal mutilations, with special emphasis on the "mystery helicopter" angle (hence the title). Helicopters are often sighted in conjuction with "mutes"; Tom Adams is absolutely without peer in this sadly-neglected field. This is important; pay attention. Portions of this publication previously appeared in "Mystery Helicopters and Animal Mutilations: Exploring a Connection" by the same authors, based on a paper submitted to participants in a conference on the subject of animal mutilations, sponsored by U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt (New Mexico - and yes, it is the same Schmitt who flew an Apollo mission) and U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson in Albuquerque, N.M. on April 20, 1979. Educate yourselves!

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"...the Establishment is very cool. you've got to give them that. I'll talk with the Establishment any time. I know that I'm dealing with a tough boy. look at what they did to Spock. both Kennedys. King. Malcolm X. you make your list. it's a long one. you can't move too fast on the big boys or you'll find yourself whistling Dixie through a cardboard toilet-paper holder at Forest Lawn..."
-- Charles Bukowski, from the story "A Quiet Conversation Piece", contained in the book "Erections, Ejaculations, Exhibitions and General Tales of Ordinary Madness" (p. 377). Copyright 1967-72; published by City Lights Books, San Francisco, CA (thanks, Bill...)

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